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MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW HAVEN, Conn., - The 500 soldiers from the 102nd Infantry Battalion departed earlier today to their mobilization station at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

When validated the unit will head to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and are scheduled to be on active duty for up to 18 months.

The 102d Infantry Battalion is one of the oldest serving units in Connecticut constituted in 1672.

The 102nd Infantry Battalion has been involved in major campaigns from the Revolutionary War, Civil War with battles at Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, World War I, World War II, Bosnia and Iraq.

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